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1. FOLLOWING FUTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH SOAMES' OFFICE, HIS CHEF DE CABINET, HANNAY, NOW TELLS US THAT SOAMES HAS COME DOWN HARD IN FAVOR OF THE DECEMBER 5-6 DATES FOR THE US-EC CONSULTATIONS. HE HAS ENGAGEMENTS IN MID-NOVEMBER THAT HE REMAINS MOST RELUCTANT TO BREAK. HE WILL, IN ANY CASE, BE IN WASHINGTON FOR A CHRUCHILL CENTENARY DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 5. SOAMES WOULD PRBABLY TRAVEL TO NEW YORK ON DECEMBER 4 FOR A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT THAT EVENING AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE CONSULTATIONS BEGINNING MID-MORNING DECEMBER 5.

2. WE REMINDED HANNAY OF OUR CONCERN THAT PUTTING OFF THE CONSULTATIONS UNTIL DECEMBER COULD RISK CONFLICT WITH OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR WHICH DATES ARE STILLNOT FIXED, INCLUDING AN EC SUMMIT MEETING.

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HANNAY ASKED THAT WE REASSURE THE DEPARTMENT ON THIS

SCORE. HE SAYS THAT SOAMES WILL CONSIDER DECEMBER 5-6
AS FIRM AND THAT, IN ANY EVENT, THE EC COMMISSION
VICE PRESIDENT WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE
EUROPEAN SUMMIT.

3. IN VIEW OF THE PASSAGE OF TIME SINCE RECEIPT
OF THE REFERENCED INSTRUCTION, WE TOLD HANNAY THAT
WE WOULD CHECK WITH WASHINGTON ONCE MORE BEFORE GIVING
A FINAL CONFIRMATION ON DECEMBER 5-6. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE A PROMPT REPLY.MYERSON

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